

Proclamation *Presented* **In Recognition of Homeownership Month**

WHEREAS, homeownership strengthens families, stabilizes neighborhoods, builds communities, and promotes personal well-being; and

WHEREAS, homeownership fosters economic prosperity for families and communities, and generates economic growth; and

WHEREAS, homeownership opportunities are made possible by the following key housing partners that are actively engaged in increasing and preserving homeownership opportunities for the people of Hawai'i:

- Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation;
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- Hawai'i Association of Realtors;
- Land Use Research Foundation representing housing developers throughout the state;
- Financial institutions;
- Non-Profits such as the Hawai'i HomeOwnership Center, Hawaiian Community Assets, Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Hawai'i, Habitat for Humanity, and Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, homeownership initiatives such as the Hula Mae Sing Family and Mortgage Credit Certificate Programs have been successfully implemented by public, private and non-profit partners; and

WHEREAS, homeownership is becoming an increasing possibility for all families through the development of affordable homes for first-time homebuyers, self-help housing, and homeownership and foreclosure mitigation counseling programs, which assist homebuyers in preparing for and sustaining homeownership;

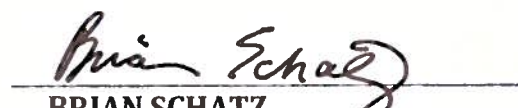
NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June, 2012 as

"HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH"

in the State of Hawai'i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the public, private and non-profit entities that are key housing partners, for their contributions to providing homeownership opportunities and ensuring long-term viability of homeownership.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of May, 2012.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i